

**REGION IX INJURY PREVENTION NETWORK
ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Radisson Hotel
Sacramento, CA

Members/alternates present:

Arizona:

None

California:

Bob Bates	Department of Health Services
David Lawrence	Center for Childhood Injury Control
Leslie Mikkelsen	Prevention Institute
Tom Rice	UCLA-SCIPRC
Lois Williams	EMS Authority
Janice Yuwiler	Center for Childhood Injury Control

Hawaii:

Gordon Hong	Department of Transportation
Liane Kam	Department of Health/EMS/IPCP
Donna Maiva	Department of Health/EMS
Gwen Palmer	Department of Health/MCHB

Nevada:

Frank Sakelarios	State Health Division
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Federal:

Aida Berkovitz	FHWA/NHTSA Region IX
Jack Champlin	NHTSA Region IX

Introductions

Members introduced themselves. Tom announced that he was taking the place of Coreen and Amy (Amy has left SCIPRC and Coreen is on maternity leave).

Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved with no additions or revision.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the July conference call were approved.

Business items

Electronic newsletter:

Donna described the executive conference call held in September, in which she, Bob, and Lois discussed problems with using regularly-scheduled conference calls as the primary mode of transmitting and sharing information, and also the difficulty of bringing members of the four states together for an annual meeting, especially without funding available.

It was recommended that to help resolve these concerns and to allow for increased information sharing on specific issues, the Network develop an electronic newsletter. Lois reported that she had received only favorable responses back from her survey to members asking for their opinion (although only six members responded).

The members discussed the benefits of sharing information of interest to the majority of the members. Jack asked the group to think about what kinds of information would be useful to send out; ideas included new laws, legislation (on both state and federal levels), funding, and new articles related to prevention and traffic safety. Someone mentioned the need to look at the multi-disciplinary make up of the membership. Other items discussed: commercial e-mail packages; networking by sending each other e-mails (list server); virtual—brief information that might be of interest to others.

The idea of quarterly e-mail with “sound bites” to all members letting them know what is available and how to contact it. Users would be able to select out certain information for certain recipients. As an example, Bob mentioned the California Center for Childhood Injury Prevention’s homepage and how users can scroll down to look for certain articles. (Jack also recommended putting the Strategic Plan on CCCIP’s homepage.) Liane volunteered to help set it up.

Donna suggested that each member would set up lists (or list) for specific subject areas. She also suggested that the members should still teleconference twice a year and the need to still have one annual face-to-face meeting, and also briefly touched on possible funding sources.

Jack suggested three or four cue words (bolded) to let people know how to find out more about certain subjects/events, etc. Leslie brought up the value of sharing political strategies. Someone else suggested that we should not get overly selective in the information we share with the group.

Aida suggested sender put their e-mail address at the bottom for people to respond to. It was recommended that this should be a requirement (no “anonymous” e-mails). The group also discussed the various pros and cons of an electronic newsletter, including questions concerning where it will be housed and who will oversee it. Also, there was concern about attachments causing viruses and being bulky.

It was agreed by all present that the Network would proceed with developing the electronic newsletter, and the following action items were assigned:

1.) Lois will purge member list by surveying members to determine if they wish to remain on the Network. The list is quite extensive, with many members’ names having been there for eight years (without their participation in calls or meetings). Donna commented that the electronic newsletter process might expand membership in the Network; Bob commented that it could expand the disciplines of those accessing it and contract the focus of the group. It was decided that the newsletter will list members’ organization e-mail addresses.

2.) Jack and Lea will develop the process and procedures for the newsletter.

Timing: The newsletter will be developed quarterly; the first quarter will begin in January

Bystander Care:

Jack gave a presentation covering NHTSA’s new bystander care program, titled “First There, First Care—Bystander Care of the Injured” and discussed the value of such a program to helping rural areas increase the survival rate of car crash victims. The program is a train-the-trainer program for groups of the population for which being the first on scene of a car crash is a fairly high probability (such as truck drivers). It teaches citizens five basic components: stop to help, call EMS (9-1-1), assess the situation, start the victim’s breathing, and stop the victim’s bleeding until first responders arrive.

Donna discussed how this program would help the rural areas of Hawaii and how it interfaces with enhanced 9-1-1. She also stated that Hawaii is doing an official kick off for this program. Jack mentioned that he would like to arrange something similar for California and would discuss it with Lois, who is looking at possibly submitting a grant proposal. Nevada also indicated that they would be interested. Bob mentioned the value of the “second level” or additional benefits of the additional health and wellness and personal responsibility aspects, especially if such a program is used with teenaged or young adult drivers.

ICD-10 Coding:

David presented information on the new ICD-10 coding and how it differs from ICD-9 (two examples: 10 has about twice the number of categories as 9, and there are differences in the way motor vehicle related injuries are categorized). He added that there may be some problems transitioning, but they won’t be enormous. Other countries are using ICD-10 with no problems. ICD-10 CM (clinical modification) will replace ICD-9 CM (they’re not interchangeable; there are codes in the CM that aren’t in the non-CM and vice-versa).

October 2002 is the soonest we can have ICD-10 CM available (but possibly not until 2003 or 2004); the document must be circulated for comment and complex computer programs must be developed. There is still some controversy around the ICD-10 CM, because it is much more specific than ICD-9 CM, which could make it more difficult to transition. Also, some of 10's codes split into more specific halves, and new codes are being added. Next month California will be publishing 1999 data in ICD-10. David and his staff can assist with interpretation of the new codes, and members were also advised to ask vital records people.

Election of Officers:

Bob Bates was elected Network Chair
Frank Sakelarios was elected Vice Chair
Lois Williams was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer

Bob thanked Donna for her year's service, which ends December 31, 2000.

Roundtable:

Gordon discussed Hawaii's "Pedestrian Bill of Rights", explaining that this has been a single-focus issue for Hawaii because of that state's high pedestrian injury rate. Members felt it would be a good item to include in the electronic newsletter.

Bob discussed several items of importance for California MCH, including:

- Funding for three counties;
- Pedestrian Safety Act Legislation (Bob will reference in newsletter);
- Booster seat law;
- Four firearm laws;
- California Adolescent HealthCare Plan (contained in conference syllabus).

Janice presented information on the state child death review teams and mentioned that there is now a standardized data form. It is hoped that teams will work together to collect data.

Leslie stated that she is planning a "Safe USA" event for this year and will send out an e-mail concerning it.

Future Meetings/Calls:

Members discussed possible sites for next year's meeting. The possibility of meeting in Reno was considered. This will be discussed more in the future. The next conference call will be in February; more information will follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.